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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (LARGE ENTITY)

Ser. No.: 10/813,746	Filed: April 1, 2004	Examiner: Maria Alexandra Elve
Art Unit: 1725	Title: DEVICE FOR PROCESSING WELDING WIRE	

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is a (an) Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee(s) has (have) been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	132	Minus	143	0	X \$50	\$0.00
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			TOTAL	=		\$0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a Not Applicable month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.					

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2006, on the above-referenced patent application, applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.